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1. Cyprus: New clashes in the north threaten to end the relaxation of tensions accompanying the 4 March Security Council resolution.

One Greek Cypriot and two Turkish villages were involved yesterday.

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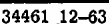
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Makarios ordered the Greek Cypriots to release all Turkish hostages by noon today.

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U. Thant is having trouble getting together the peacekeeping force. Several governments are hesitating because of the requirement that they provide funds as well as troops.

The Turks are displeased with the selection of Indian General Gyani as commander and Guatemalan Jose Rolz-Bennett as mediator. The resolution requires that the mediator be approved by all parties concerned.

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2. South Vietnam:

[redacted] Viet Cong harassment activity in the northern provinces. These suggest that military operations may be stepped up in that area during the coming weeks.

[redacted] predicting a large-scale co-ordinated attack in one of the northern provinces--Quang Ngai--in the near future. Viet Cong propaganda leaflets declare that the neighboring Kontum Province will be liberated this year.

About one third of the Communist regulars are in the north. They are the best organized, trained, and equipped of the Viet Cong.

Meanwhile, General Khanh is going ahead with his efforts to conciliate or control the various religious and political groups.

He has appointed Le Van Tat, a general of the Cao Dai sect forces, as chief of Tay Ninh Province where about one third of the population is Cao Dai. The appointment risks alienating civilians and military officers who fear a resurgence of the Cao Dai. The sect maintained a large autonomous army until the Diem regime subdued it in 1955.

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Khanh is trying to stop coup plotting by shuffling top army commanders. This is causing some dissatisfaction. [REDACTED]

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USSR-China: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Moscow is ready to end its self-imposed moratorium on polemics and call an international party conference to repudiate Peiping.

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The Russians probably anticipate another Chinese rejection. This, they may reason, will help overcome the reluctance of some important foreign parties [REDACTED] to hold a meeting designed to condemn the Chinese.

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4. **USSR Missiles:**

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5. **France - Chinese Communists:**

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France
voted to seat Peiping in the World Health Organiza-
tion, but the Chinese Nationalists won, 51-21.

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6. **Maphilindo talks:** Efforts to breathe life into
the Bangkok talks apparently have failed.

After much urging by Thanat, the participants
returned to talk yesterday afternoon, but the obsta-
cle of the guerrillas still could not be hurdled.

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Indonesia would agree only "in principle" on "the need" to withdraw them and wanted to leave their actual withdrawal and a political solution to be worked out at a summit meeting.

This, the Malaysians could not buy, and, at last report, Ambassador Martin had urged Subandrio to put the Malaysian position to Sukarno for decision.

The Malaysians want an agreement on withdrawal of Indonesian guerrillas

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7. USSR-Indonesia: Soviet military assistance to Indonesia continues.

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consistent with the USSR's long-term interests in cultivating Sukarno. We have seen no indication that Moscow is encouraging Sukarno to act more militantly against Malaysia.

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The Soviets have confided to non-Communist diplomats that they would not like to see a war over Malaysia. The Indonesians, for their part, do not seem to expect significant Soviet support in the event of hostilities.

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8. USSR-Hungary: Rumors continue that the USSR will soon pull its troops out of Hungary.

The withdrawal would have no significant military disadvantages and could be done at any time. Khrushchev is expected to make a one-week visit to Budapest at the end of this month.

9. Bolivia: Military pressure and dissension in his own party have forced President Paz to accept General Barrientos as his vice-presidential running mate. Paz' preferred partner, Federico Fortun, has conveniently resigned.

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[redacted] followers of Vice President Lechin are planning a general strike which they think could cause serious trouble for Paz.

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10. Egypt - Saudi Arabia - Yemen: Egyptian-Saudi talks in Riyadh ended in the re-establishment of diplomatic relations but made little progress in settling differences over Yemen.

Nasir and Faysal will meet in Cairo later this month, however, which is a hopeful sign.

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The USSR has not started any projects in Yemen since finishing the al-Raudha airport near Sana last fall. Since then the number of Soviet personnel in Yemen has declined from 1,000 to around 400.

11. Gabon: The French troops have brought anti-government elements under at least temporary control, but public resentment toward President Mba is rising.

French-sponsored rumors that the US supported the anti-Mba revolt may have boomeranged. Ambassador Darlington reports he is now applauded as his car passes through the streets of Libreville.

12. Ghana: Nkrumah seems to want at least a temporary accommodation with the US.

When Ambassador Mahoney talked to him the other day, Nkrumah appeared friendly and solicitous and even willing to eat a little crow. The ambassador has no illusions that this indicated Nkrumah has undergone any basic change, however.

13. Zanzibar: Foreign Minister Babu and his pro-Communist henchmen continue to run the show.

Babu seems to be dominating the government by default, as President Karume has failed to take charge. Thus, Zanzibar's drift toward Communist control shows no signs of being stopped.

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